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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 10 April 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: 6,347,374.

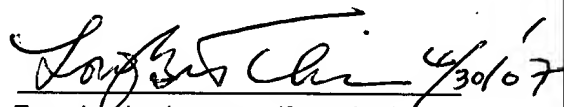
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed with attorney to place the application in condition of allowance. Examiner requests (a) to file a Terminal Disclaimer (T.D.) to resolve the double patenting issue with U.S. Patent 7,039,953 B2 (its claim 1, 4, 7 and 9), and (b) to incorporate claim 7, 14 and 21 into claims 1, 8 and 15 respectively. Applicant agreed with the proposal to file a T.D. and authorized Examiner to expedite the prosecution.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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